

- (b) what was the number of days declared as holidays ;
 (c) have all the institutions in (a) availed themselves of all the holidays so declared ;
 (d) if the answer to (c) is not in the affirmative what was the reason for shortage in the number ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (*Joint Secretary to Government*):

- (a) Yes.
 (b) Three.
 (c) No instance of any institution having not availed of the holidays has come to the notice of Government.
 (d) Does not arise in view of the answer to (c).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): May I know Sir, whether after the receipt of his question by the Government any enquiry was made whether all the loving subjects of the late lamented Highness have not been able to avail themselves of the holiday given in connection with the sad demise of their father—that is how the ruler is looked upon by the subjects of the State.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (*Joint Secretary to Government*): No further enquiry was made.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Sorry.

68. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) had not Monday 8th Thulam 1119 been declared a public holiday in connection with the Thirumasom ceremony of His Highness the late Maharaja ;
 (b) had the information been communicated to the various institutions in time ;
 (c) if there was delay in communicating the orders what was the same due to ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (*Joint Secretary to Government*):

- (a) Monday 8th Thulam 1119 had been declared a public holiday in connection with the Thiruvanthali ceremony of His Highness the late Maharaja.
 (b) Yes.

(c) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (b).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): I think there has been some mistake in the answer ; it is not thiruvanthali, it is thirumasom.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (*Joint Secretary to Government*): In fact the mistake is in the question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): May I know Sir, whether all the Offices and Institutions were communicated of this holiday by any means other than the Gazette.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Yes. Instructions were also issued to the Tahsildars of all the Taluks also specifically asking them to convey the information to all other offices so that there may not be any delay.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): May I know when this information was communicated to the authority concerned. We are on a very solemn subject.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (*Joint Secretary to Government*): The information was sent on 21st October that is on 4th Thulam, four days before the holiday.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Is not Government aware that Saturdays and Sundays are holidays for Schools and unless the information is communicated atleast by Friday they may not be able to get the holiday ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (*Joint Secretary to Government*): That is the reason why the local Officers were asked to convey the information to all institutions.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Let not such things recur again.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know when the Gazette was despatched from here.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (*Joint Secretary to Government*): It is not the question of Gazette alone. Apart from the Gazette notification this order was communicated to the Tahsildars on the very same day.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Do the Government assert that it was issued in time?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Government only assert that there was absolutely no delay in the despatch of the Order.

JURISDICTION OF THE REGISTRY OFFICES—VADAKKANChERI AND CHELAKKARA

69. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon (*Cheruthuruthi*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) the Villages under the jurisdiction of the Vadakkancheri Registry Office ;
- (b) the Villages under the jurisdiction of the Chelakkara Registry Office ;
- (c) number of documents registered from each of these Villages for the last 10 years ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (*Joint Secretary to Government*): (a), (b) & (c) Two statements containing the information are placed on the table.

70: Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon (*Cheruthuruthi*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the total number of documents registered in the Vadakkancheri Registry Office in the following years.—

1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1117 & 1118;

- (b) powers attested to in the respective years;
- (c) number of copies under sections 50 and 57 of the Registration Act;
- (d) the total amount realised for the respective years;
- (e) are Government aware of the increase of work in this Office ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (*Joint Secretary to Government*):

(a)	Year	No. of Documents	Year	No. of Documents			
	1113	2633	1116	2961			
	1114	2441	1117	3563			
	1115	2664	1118	4141			
(b)		No. of Powers		No. of Powers			
	1113	22	1116	28			
	1114	20	1117	34			
	1115	17	1118	44			
(c)		Section 50	Section 57	Section 50	Section 57		
	1113	81	16	130	21		
	1114	89	44	136	24		
	1115	95	25	146	33		
(d)		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
	1113	3,673	2	3	5,431	11	0
	1114	4,447	6	6	6,815	10	3
	1115	4,363	12	0	9,074	5	3

(e) Yes.

Mr. President: I suggest that where answers take this form that should be put in the form of appendix.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): In answer to sub-division (e) the Government have stated that they are aware of the increase in the work of the Registry Office. May I know whether it is not possible for the Government to consider to have another Registry Office for Cheruthuruthy.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (*Joint Secretary to Government*): In view of the volume of work as seen from the statement placed on the table Cheruthuruthy and the adjoining villages will not suffice for a separate office to be opened.

PROMOTION OF GRADUATE CLERKS AS REGISTRARS

71. Mr. P. P. Devassy (*Trichur-South*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) when was the present rule of confining the promotion of graduate clerks with the necessary Special Test qualifications as District Registrars to the graduate clerks of the Registration Department introduced ;

(b) what was the previous rule ;

(c) have graduate clerks serving in departments other than the Registration Department been appointed as District Registrars prior to the coming of the present rule ;

(d) if the answer to (c) is in the affirmative, who are they and from which departments were they taken ;

(e) are Government aware that the present rule has adversely affected the prospects of graduate clerks serving Government at the present time in Departments other than the Registration Department ;

(f) will Government view this matter sympathetically and consider the advisability of amending the rule and give a chance to such clerks for appointment as District Registrars ?